

**Salem County Youth Services Commission Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2018**



**YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION
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**Jean Kuhl
Chairperson**

**Jim Whitt
Vice-Chairperson**

YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION and JUVENILE CRIME ENFORCEMENT COALITION

Meeting Attendance: December 6th, 2018

Voting Roll Call:

Alexandra Oasin For Lauren Snyder	FCIU, Mobile Response
Armando Gonzalez	Salem County Probation
Brian Pennington For Charles Miller	Salem County Sheriff's Dept.
Gabrielle Hall	Salem County Public Defender
Glen Donelson	Mid-Atlantic States
Gregory Wolf	Salem County Family Court
Jean Kuhl	Salem County Community Advocate
Jerry Oglesby	DGP&P
John Swain	Salem County Vo-Tech
Lois Kawajiri	Salem County Probation
Ron Hudak	CGS Care Management Organization
Sarah Kuhl	Rutgers's Southern Regional
Shane't Bowe	Salem County Family Court

Non-Voting:

Ed Ramsey	Salem County Resident
Frank Carozza	Salem County Youth Services Coordinator
Justin Caruso	Robin's Nest Inc.
Melanie Ernest	Salem County Inter Agency Council
Rosemarie Cuevas	Substance Abuse Navigator
Stewart Potter	Quinton Township School

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I). Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:30PM by Chair Jean Kuhl. Welcome and introductions were made around the room.

II). Presentation - None

III). Approval of the Minutes-

A motion to approve the minutes from November 7, 2018 was made by John Swain with a second from Glen Donelson. Motion passed with all in favor.

IV). Committee Reports:

Planning and Allocations – (Ron Hudak)

The Planning committee met on November 27th to score a proposal for Drug and Alcohol treatment services submitted by First Step Clinic in the amount of \$66,777.00. The proposal was accepted and services are currently scheduled to commence January 1, 2019.

Quality Assurance – (Armando Gonzalez)

The Monitoring committee seeks to begin monitoring in February of 2019. Scheduling with vendors is currently underway and will be reported out to the YSC as soon as complete.

JET – (Greg Wolf)

Greg reported that the JETS meeting was held on December 5th, 2018. Currently, there are (3) juveniles on the Grounded Home Detention Program and (2) juveniles on the GPS ankle bracelet. A client-specific funds request was issued for a Salem County juvenile currently on probation. Starting in January, contracted drug and alcohol treatment services are scheduled to commence with First Step Clinic of Bridgeton.

V). Coordinator's Report – (Frank Carozza)

Frank reported the following levels of service for Youth Services Commission providers not present:

-YAP- (21) Youth have been served year to date. Currently YAP is serving (4) Prevention youth and (1) diversion youth.

-Penns Grove Shining Stars has served (39) Youth year to date and has spent down their 10K allocation.

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- Pittsgrove Middle School has served (152) youth in P.R.I.D.E and (506) youth in the Renaissance Program.

-Frank is currently creating the first of two local system partner's surveys to distribute to vendors and members of the YSC to identify areas of possible improvement and service gaps within youth services. The survey is tentatively scheduled to come out in January of 2019 and will be distributed when complete.

-Frank noted on October 26th, Governor Murphy signed an executive order creating a task force for the continued transformation of New Jersey's Juvenile Justice System. The task force consists of varied members both the public and private sectors to review policies and review the state's juvenile justice system. The areas of focus are:

- Addressing New Jersey's racial disparities
- Reviewing station house adjustment data
- Evaluating the current youth services commissions
- Conducting a comprehensive review of facilities
- Determining potential reinvestment of current youth incarceration funds
- Implementing a deadline for closure of the New Jersey Training School for boys and the Female Secure Care and Intake Facility
- Recommending the creating of new youth rehabilitation centers
- And reviewing grants for juvenile parole
- The task force will be required to provide its initial report within six months.

-Vendor site visits have been completed for Penns Grove High School, Pittsgrove Middle School, Quinton Culture Club, Robin's Nest Cognitive Skills, the Sherriff's GPS ankle bracelet program. The scheduling of Youth Advocate Programs is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12th.

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-Frank asked the Commission to resume previous talks of creating a minority concerns committee for vicinage 15 in conjunction with the Salem County Chapter of the NAACP.

VI). JJC Liaison Report- (Spencer Young)

No report.

VII). Provider Reports

A). Robin's Nest Programming- (Justin Caruso)

Breaking Limits Program- Currently serving (5) Youth with a 6-9 month program.

Cognitive Skills Program- Currently serving (5) youth with an anticipated graduation date of mid-late December.

Connect II Program- Currently serving (1) youth with (4) open slots for service.

Grounded- Currently serving (3) youth.

B). Quinton Culture Club- (Stewart Potter)

-Stewart Potter reported having a well-attended etiquette-based lesson at the previous meeting held at Culture Club. Students are planning to attend Longwood Gardens as part of their school-based enrichment trip. Last Monday, 7th grade students learned how to play Chess and will be participating in a community give-back event where they will bake pies for residents of Quinton Township. Quinton expects to spend-down their entire 10K allocation.

VIII). JDAI Report – (Armando Gonzalez)

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-Armando reported that proposals have been submitted for final approval for the Probation Enrichment and Vo-Tech (B.R.I.D.G.E) programs. On December 19th, Burlington County will be holding a statewide JDAI meeting that will feature the B.R.I.D.G.E program components and curriculum as a spotlighted program for innovations.

IX). Salem County Law Enforcement Report- (AJ Cummings)

No Report.

XXI). Old Business-

None.

X). New Business-

-Jean Kuhl reported that the YSC Planning Committee met to review the proposal for drug and alcohol treatment services proposed by First Step Clinic of Bridgeton. The treatment provided will include education services, screening services, evaluations, individual treatment plans, group sessions, and door to door transportation services for referred Salem Youth. The anticipated levels of service will be between (35) to (75) youth for CY 2019. The IAC staff is currently anticipating a delay in approval by the Freeholder Board due to restructuring. They will attempt to retroact the contract with First Step to see if services can be rendered until officially approved.

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*A Roll Call vote was held to approve First Step Clinic as the Drug and Alcohol treatment provider in for Calendar Year 2019, in the amount of (\$66,777.00). The vote carried with (11 Ayes), (0 Nays) and (0 abstentions).

Armando Gonzalez- AYE	Salem County Probation
Brian Pennington For Charles Miller- AYE	Salem County Sheriff's Dept.
Gabrielle Hall- AYE	Salem County Public Defender
Glen Donelson- AYE	Mid-Atlantic States
Gregory Wolf- AYE	Salem County Family Court
Jean Kuhl- AYE	Salem County Community Advocate
Jerry Oglesby- AYE	Salem County Vo-Tech
John Swain- AYE	Salem County Vo-Tech
Lois Kawajiri- AYE	Salem County Probation
Ron Hudak- AYE	CGS Care Management Organization
Sarah Kuhl- AYE	Rutgers's Southern Regional
Shane't Bowe- AYE	Salem County Family Court

-The floor was re-opened for 2019 Youth Services Co-Chair nominations. Jim Whitt accepted the nomination for 2019 SCYSC Co-Chair and no further nominations were made.

*Frank Carozza made a motion to accept Jim Whitt as the Co-Chair with a second from Sarah Kuhl. All were in favor with no abstentions; motion carried.

XI). Announcements-

-Ron Hudak announced that DayTop has closed their inpatient adolescent treatment services. They will continue to offer outpatient treatment services. DayTop will continue to serve adults with a full range of treatment options.

-Sarah Kuhl announced that the Salem County Council will be hosting a holiday celebration on December 18th, 2018. Food will be offered in celebration of Hanukah, Kwanzaa, and Three King's Day. There will photo ops, giveaways, and parent resources distributed from 2:30-7PM. The event will be hosted at 14 New Market St. Gateway building.

-Jack Swain announced that the 21st Century Grant is doing well and all benchmarks have been met. The Vo-Tech sold over (1,000) pies; goods are still being sold and available by contacting Jack Swain.

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-Jean Kuhl announced that the Salem County Youth Services Commission is looking for increased community and parental involvement. Please refer any potential participants to Frank Carozza for orientation and meeting information.

XXII). Adjournment-

*A motion to adjourn was made by John Swain with a second from Armando Gonzalez. Motion passed with all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:03PM

The next Salem County Youth Services meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 2nd, 2019, at 12:30PM.

Location: St. John's Parrish Hall 76 Market St. Salem, NJ 08079.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Carozza